

'Money & Politics'

From Money a Hip-hop Chamber Opera

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Actor (Spoken):

We look now at money as it interacts with politics.

Each One on cue: "Only after the last tree has been cut down. Only after the last river has been poisoned. Only after the last fish has been caught. Only then you will find that money cannot be eaten. " - Cree Indian Prophecy
"Money is now considered the single most important factor in our electoral process. Ideas and issues take a backseat to the bottom line." - Amy Goodman
"When buying and selling are controlled by legislation, the first things to be bought and sold are legislators." - P.J. O'Rourke
"It is money, money, money! Not ideas, not principles, but money that reigns supreme in American politics." - Robert Byrd

♩ = 100

The musical score is written for a chamber ensemble and includes the following parts:

- Narrator (actor):** Spoken part with a tempo marking of ♩ = 100. The score shows a sequence of rests and cues.
- Guitar:** Part with a *mf* dynamic, including instructions for "start & stop only on cues" and "palm mute".
- Trumpet:** Part with a *mf* dynamic, including instructions for "start & stop only on cues".
- French Horn (F):** Part with a *mf* dynamic, including instructions for "start & stop only on cues".
- Cello:** Part with a *mf* dynamic, including instructions for "start & stop only on cues".
- Contra bass:** Part with a *mf* dynamic, including instructions for "start & stop only on cues" and "pizz.". It features a triplet of eighth notes.
- Drum set:** Part with a *mf* dynamic, including instructions for "start & stop only on cues". It features a triplet of eighth notes.

The score is divided into four measures, with time signatures changing from 3/4 to 3/4, then to common time (C), and finally back to 3/4. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

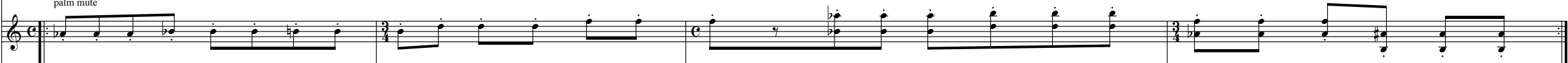
Each One on cue: "The sort of money that is spent in politics, it is not possible for common citizens, normal people to fight elections." - Imran Khan


"Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, from those who are cold and are not clothed. The world in arms is not spending money alone. It is spending the sweat of its laborers, the genius of its scientists, the hopes of its children." - Dwight D. Eisenhower

5 On cue


"Those who are too smart to engage in politics are punished by being governed by those who are dumber." - Plato


Nar. 

Gtr. *palm mute* 

Trmpt. 

F.h. 

Vc. 

C. b. 

Drms. 